

**The Building Code Standards Committee meeting will be on
February 15, 2007**

At

One Capitol Hill

Conference Room B

Providence, RI

**605th Meeting
2007**

1:00 p.m.

February 15,

1. Call to order.

**2. Appeals: 07-02 Center Road (Continued)
New Shoreham**

**07-04 The Greenwich Club
5426 Post Road
East Greenwich**

3. Approval of Minutes of last meeting.

4. Correspondence.

5. Committee Reports

6. Legislation

7. Old Business.

8. New Business.

9. Announcements

10. Adjourn

604th Meeting February 1, 2007

1. Mr. Newbrook, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Appeal 07-03 West Side Road, New Shoreham. Request for permit fee waiver for property located at Westside Road on Block Island was

approved.

Mr. DeBlois stated that he would abstain from Appeal 07-01 when it comes before the Board next month.

3. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as submitted upon a motion by

Mr. Carlson and seconded by Mr. Howe.

4. Correspondence:

Mr. Newbrook said he received a letter from William J. Murphy, Speaker of the

House, stating that a member of the Policy Office from the House of Representa-

tives would be attending meetings of State Boards and Commissions to observe

and assist in any way.

Mr. Joe Rogers, Counsel from the House of Representatives, was assigned the task to observe the Building Code Standards Committee and was welcomed by the Board members. It was noted that in the past, representatives and senators assigned to attend meetings of the Building Code Standards Committee rarely attended.

5. Committee Reports:

a. State Energy Code

Mr. Turner said the Energy Conservation Code Subcommittee met and he said that there are substantial changes and will need extensive discussion. The Committee will meet two times during the month of February. Mr. Turner did note that this code has been reviewed by the IRC Subcommittee and that review was probably not as stringent as Energy Code Subcommittee requirements.

b. Certification Subcommittee

Mr. Pagliaro said the Certification Subcommittee approved the following two notifications for appointments and he recommended that they be approved: Sean Fitzgerald as Providence Plumbing Inspector and Robert Gianfrancesco as Providence Electrical Inspector. Mr. Newbrook said there is a quorum at this meeting and he recommended that the Board consider the following appointments which were previously approved by a subcommittee: Mr. Charles Pheleps as Building Inspector for the City of Cranston, Mr. Gary Tedeschi as Building Official for the Town of North Kingstown and Mr. Raymond Madden as Building Official for the Town of Cumberland. Mr. Pagliaro motioned approval of all of the above and Mr. Gagnon seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously approval of appointments.

6. Legislation:

a Quorum

Mr. DeBlois noted that there has been a problem meeting a quorum at our meetings and asked Mr. Rogers if he could help in assisting in changing legislation to require a quorum of 7 people (as previously required) instead of 11. Mr. Ducharme noted that Mr. Leyden and Mr. Coffey met with the administration last week and put forward new replacement names for vacant positions and also recommended that board members whose terms had expired be reappointed.

b. Compensation

There also was discussion on the honorarium of \$50 which was to be paid in the past to professionals to serve on the Building Code Standards Committee but is waived every year and swept into the General Fund. Board members also expressed concern that training of building officials to enforce the building code is under-funded and many of the funds which are collected are not being used for which they were intended.

7. Old Business:

a. Code Books

Mr. Gagnon said that in the past everyone on the Committee received a full set of code books. Unfortunately, there is not enough money to buy complete sets of code books to distribute to the entire Committee. The Committee asked Mr. Rogers if he would have any input to obtain more code books. Mr. Rogers did say that he has no direct input with the legislature but would report back our concerns.

It was noted that some members of the board do not attend meetings and do not actively participate. At the suggestion of Mr. Turner a sign-up sheet was passed around to list what specific code books each individual present would need.

There was also discussion that code books are not readily available for purchase. In the past code books were available from the Building Commission. There was a suggestion to develop a book store similar to what the State of Massachusetts has.

b. Amend Bylaws

Mr. Preiss made a motion to amend the Bylaws to change the Committee meeting dates to every second Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. beginning in the month of March. Mr. Gagnon seconded the motion. The Committee approved the motion unanimously. It was also noted that if another meeting is needed during the same month, a Special Meeting may be called by the Chairman.

8. New Business:

a. Waiver Permit Fees

Mr. Turner proposed a motion that this Board waive all future permit fees. Mr. Preiss seconded the motion. Mr. Turner explained one of his reasons for this motion was that the amount of money that the state receives from the local CE/ADA fees far exceeds the operational budget of the Building Code Commission and if that is the case, there is no need to collect any money for permit fees for state projects. Mr. Carlson said that Rhode Island should provide the same services as the State of Connecticut but it can't be done because training is not being properly funded. There was lengthy discussion. Mr. Turner withdrew his motion as did Mr. Preiss. Mr. Turner concluded that it is not about waiving state fees, it is about making this Board work more functionally.

b. ISO Ratings

Mr. Gagnon said that a lot of municipalities are going to an insurance rating system. He wanted to know if the insurance industry looks at the state and consults with the Commissioner's office regarding new construction. Mr. Ducharme said that Mr. Leyden has looked at getting a rating but doesn't know if it is ISO. He said Mr. Leyden will look into this after the codes are adopted.

9. Announcements: None

10. Adjourn:

**Upon a motion by Mr. Howe, seconded by Mr. Gagnon the
meeting adjourned
at 2:28 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Warren Ducharme

Acting Executive Secretary

Building Code Board of Appeals

**Members Present: R. Brown, B. Davey, J. Carlson, S. Turner, R.
DeBlois, R. Stillings, D. Gagnon, W. Howe, D. Newbrook, G. Preiss, J.
Pagliaro**

**Members Absent: R. Collins, T. Chabot, A. Durand, J. Gaskell, P.
DePace, L. Gemma, D. Palmisciano,**

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